

## Church News.

### GLEANINGS FROM THE WAYSIDE.

Our sheaves at this writing are mantled with sorrow. How soon our pleasures are turned into sadness and contemplated joys into weeping. On Saturday morning while we were busy getting ready to leave for our appointment at College Corner, suddenly a rap on the door. In answering the call, we found the messenger announcing the death of Sister Rench, wife of our esteemed brother G. W. Rench, of Milford, Ind., and requesting us to preach the funeral on Monday. We went to our appointment, met a large audience. Sunday morning, one came forward and confessed Christ. Immediately after dismissal we gathered at the river where the ordinance of baptism was administered. Confirmation at the evening service, and our house proved too small to accommodate the people. On Monday morning, we started for Milford. Wife joined us at Manchester, arriving there at noon. A very large concourse of people attended the funeral. They were present from Ligoneer, Pierceton, Syracuse, Goshen, Dunlaps, Nappanee, Warsaw, New Paris and North Manchester. Sister Rench was buried under an avalanche of flowers, and almost an ocean of tears of sympathy for the bereaved family. "Be ye also ready for in such a time as ye think not, the Lord of man cometh."

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester.

### FROM ROANOKE, VA.

We come again with our budget of good tidings from St. Wert, Va. Our section of the state is ablaze with Progressive fire. Brother J. S. Bowman, our late pastor, is in Craig county holding a revival meeting and up to date, twelve have enlisted under the Brethren banner. Four, recently, were baptized twenty miles west of Roanoke and the outlook in Roanoke and Franklin counties is encouraging. Our tent meeting is set to commence on the 28th inst., near Boone's chapel. The county is awaiting it with intense expectancy. We will use the tent of elder I. D. Bowman, of Philadelphia. It will seat 500 people. At the close of the meeting, we will hold an apostolic communion service. Our Franklin county meetings are finely patronized by all denominations, especially by the G. B. Brethren. We make the ceremonial doctrines the basis of our work, and thus we win the attention of those brethren. A short serial meeting will be commenced at Cedar Bluff, on the 23rd inst.

I see from the National Convention re-

port in the last EVANGELIST, that our district was not represented at the late meeting at Ashland. We are very sorry for this, but it must not be interpreted to mean that we are indifferent to the National Conference work or of the interests of our church. It has all the enthusiasm of our nature and all the loyalty and love of our heart. Virginia Progressives are *Simon pure*.

What did the conference do with our memorial on consolidation?

It is plain to a blind man that the G. B's. do not want it, and we do not need it, but the world needs it and he or she who stands in its way is not the best friend of humanity.

Consistency would compel the G. B's. to labor for it or cast out the 100 congregations within their organization who are sailing under Progressive colors. A leading G. B. elder told me lately that a Progressive in their church was worse than one out of it. Come, brethren, either stop coddling your Progressive members, or stop lampooning ours.

I take this occasion to say to the churches of the district of Virginia and Maryland, get your distributions to the mission board ready, and forward to the treasurer, Brother Bowman, who was elected state evangelist, is now in the field, and his success as a revivalist is all that the district could ask. *Brother Bowman stands square on the doctrines of our church too*, and having all of the desirable qualities, we must give him prompt support.

SEPT. 19. LATER.—Tidings from Craig up to date, herald the advent of six additional newly baptized adherents to the cause of Progression, and more are looking toward the dawning of the morning. This makes eighteen in all. A branch of the church will be organized there before Brother Bowman leaves. D. C. M.

### FROM NORTH MANCHESTER, IND.

Sunday, Sept. 15, I preached for Brother Ditch morning and evening at Mexico. He is holding a tent meeting some ten miles from Mexico in a community where we have no church, but a few brethren, and did not like to stop to fill his regular appointments on Sunday. On Saturday evening, brother John Hood and I drove to Ditch's meeting and found him in good spirits and heard him preach an excellent sermon on "The Need of Christ." A tent meeting in Indiana is quite a novelty, but we rather like it. The Junior K. C., in our church here is becoming very energetic. In two months they have increased their membership five times.

W. C. PERRY, Pastor.

### CONFERENCE NOTES.

*To the Brethren of Pennsylvania Greeting:*—The program for our coming convention to be held in Johnstown Pa., Oct. 8-10, is now in the hands of the printers, and will be mailed to all who are named thereon, and others whom we can think of. Should any desire it who do not receive it, they can be accommodated by informing, by postal card or otherwise, brother A. Trent, of Westmont, Johnstown, Pa.

We are anxious for generous aid from the Brethren to help make this the best convention we ever had. We have thought it best to not assign many names to a topic, but issue a request to all to come prepared to discuss the program throughout.

Our committee on R. R. rates have secured a two-third rate, extending to all parts of the country inhabited by the Brethren. The limit running to Oct. 15, but an *order* will be required to receive said rate. Hence, all who do not receive them and desire to avail themselves of the benefit of the rate, should address either elder J. F. Koontz, of Conemaugh, Pa., or elder J. H. Knepper, of Berlin. The former for P. R. R. and connections, and the latter for the B. & O. R. R. and connections. Church societies and S. S., should elect their representatives and inform Sarah J. Cough, 624, Somerset St., Johnstown, Pa., chairman of "Entertainment committee," and state if they have received or want orders for R. R. rates. Again we say, Brethren come! whether living in Pennsylvania or not, and let us by God's help, have a grand rally for Christ and his church.

Fraternally,

R. Z. REPLOGLE,  
J. F. KOONTZ,  
A. TRENT.

Ex. Com."

### MISSION WORK IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Left my home August 8. In the evening preached in the M. E. church in Newville. And on the evening of August 9, commenced a meeting in the Manor congregation, Indiana county, Pa. Continued until August 19. Preached 13 sermons, baptized 4, held Communion services, 18 communicants. There is now 20 resident members in this congregation, and a good interest with fair prospects for good work in the future. The meetings were held in elder Levi Frys barn; good order prevailed and the attendance was good. On night of Communion, there were probably near 800 persons present. "Bless the Lord, O my soul."

J. B. WAMPLER.